

Blue Family

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I am enclosing a copy of the page listing the children of Jacob and Sarah (Blue) Bell from the Descendants of John Blaw. Mary (Blue) Ball's children are not listed. However, I noticed that Sarah Blue had a son named Abel Bell.

I am also sending some information on Elizabeth (Bell) Miller Mitchell from Portrait and Biographical Record of Montgomery, Parke, and Fountain Counties. This biographical sketch gives some information on the Blues, Bells, and Balls who came to Parke County. Elizabeth Bell's second husband, Robert Mitchell, was my ancestor, but I am descended from his first wife and am not related to Elizabeth at all.

Elizabeth lived to be 94 years old and is buried in Denman Cemetery along with her first husband, her second husband and his first wife, her parents, her brother and his family, and others.

The Parke County histories contain several references to Abel Ball, but some refer to your Abel and most are not very helpful. The History of Parke and Vermillion Counties contains a biographical sketch of Charles F. Ball, who was a son of Abel and Lydia (Bullington) Ball and a grandson of James Ball. The Portrait and Biographical Record contains a biography of Dr. James T. Ball, who was a son of James and Nancy (Johnson) Ball. Dr. Ball had a half brother Abel, who may have been the one who married Lydia Bullington.

Abel was a common name among the Bells and Mitchells. Elizabeth had a son Abel Mitchell, who had a son Frederick Abel. My Grandfather was also named Frederick Abel Mitchell after his "Uncle Abe" and cousin.

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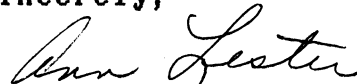
Last summer I was doing some family research in your library on several of my families and made a copy of a letter in the Blue family folder in the file cabinet that was addressed to Richard E. Russell, June 16, 1982. I later was shown the book on the family, "Descendants of John Blaw" so found information I was looking for at the time.

But now I find I am interested in other members of the family that were mentioned in the letter to Mr. Russell. The letter mentions John Blue's sister Sarah, who married Jacob Bell in Bulter Co., OH; and his sister, Mary, who married Abel Ball. I have the information about Nancy, who married James Crooks, my ancestors. Where is the information located about them living in Parke Co.?

Could you make copies of the pages in the "Blaw" book that list the children of Sarah and Jacob. I have page 7 from the book where the parents are listed and p. 18 where Nancy and James' children are listed but not the page with the Bell children. It looks like there is no more information there about Mary Blue's children, but I am wondering if she is the mother of Abel Ball would married Mary Crooks (p. 18). They would be cousins. Abel Ball and Mary Crooks are my ggggrandparents. Do you have any other information about the Ball family?

I appreciate any help you can give me and will gladly reimburse the library for copying material for me.

Sincerely,



Ann Stryker Lester

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Blue, Frederick (Brother of Michael and Peter)

M. Mary, who died February 17, 1751, aged 42

M. Jane nee ^{August 22, 1751} ~~neefus~~ widow of Jeromus Kershaw (second marriage)

Children of Frederick and Mary: 1. Margaret, b. Nov. 10, 1733;
2. Frederick, b. Dec. 5, 1737; 3. Prudence, b. July 3, 1737;
4. Abraham, b. Feb. 1, 1739; 5. John, b. Dec. 4, 1740;
6. Mary, b. Feb. 7, 1742; 7. Ezekiel, b. April 26, 1743;
8. Richard, b. May 30, 1747.

Children of Frederick and Jane 9. Peter, b. Dec. 5, 1752;
10. Isaac, b. Jan. 20, 1758; 11. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 22, 1759;
12. David, b. May 16, 1761. Died March 28, 1797. "10
o'clock in the evening" (see Gilbert Voorhes)

Blue, Michael (Brother of Frederick and Peter) Rev. Soldier.

B. Either Nov. 7, 1749 or Jan. 10, 1751, Somerset Co., N. J.

D. February 17, 1833, Columbia Co., Pa.

M. Phoebe Voorhes of N. J.

M. Elizabeth McNeil, Oct. 7, 1784.

Children of Michael and Phoebe. 1. Isaac, who married
Charlotte Donaldson. Isaac died Sept. 24, 1842. Isaac
and Charlotte had Samuel.

2. Isaiah, who married Agnes Childs. They had
Mary (aunt), David, Margaret E.,
Phoebe (Nikert), Amanda, and Agnes (Kerhart).
Isaiah died February 17, 1846

Blue, Peter (Brother of Frederick and Michael)

B. December 3, 1751. D. March 19, 1826 (Tombstone)

M. Mary who was born June 23, 1759 and died Sept. 25, 1838

Born to Peter and Mary, August 13, 1783. son Ezekiel, who
was mentioned in Peter's will, March 3, 1826

Children of Peter and Mary Blue.

1. Ezekiel, B. August 13, 1783. mentioned in Peter's will, March 3, 1826.
2. Gilbert, b. March 14, 1786; d. Sept. 28, 1866. m. wife died 1848, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Gilbert Blue had six children, Elizabeth, Matilda, Curran, Bernard, Sarah, Maryann.
3. John Blue, b. March 7, 1788. d. Sept. 27, 1861. married Hannah, b. May 10, 1788. d. April 6, 1870. Buried in Presbyterian cemetery at Danville.
4. Nelly Blue, b. May 28, 1791; d. August 2, 1792.
5. Mary Montgomery Blue, b. February 13, 1794; d. July 27, 1836 in Michigan. married Bouderman.
6. Peter Blue, b. June 13, 1796, d. Feb. 20, 1867. married Julia. They had two sons, Robert and David.
7. Aaron Blue, twin of Reuben, b. Oct. 17, 1798.
8. Reuben Blue, twin of Aaron, b. Oct. 17, 1798, d. Jan. 22, 1844.
9. David, b. May 7, 1803, d. Mar. 6, 1877. married Elizabeth Gray, Jan. 22, 1829. She was born June 1, 1807 and died May 20, 1884.
10. Samuel Blue married Charlotte Gray. They had: Frederick, Daniel, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Isaac.

Children of David and Elizabeth Blue.

Children of David, (son of Peter and Mary) and Elizabeth

1. Peter Blue, b. Jan. 2, 1831, d. Nov. 6, 1857.
2. Mary Blue, b. June 18, 1833. married either Stephen Bearley or Stephen Bailey, or both.
3. Daniel Blue, b. Aug. 12, 1835; d. Feb. 12, 1866 at Alamo, Ill. m. Harriet Ahl, Aug. 1, 1860. Harriet was born Nov. 10, 1834, and died Aug. 12, 1910. Witnesses of their marriage were: Samuel, Sallie, and John McHard; John, Mary E., and Martha A. Blue; Joseph C. and Rebecca A. Kilmore; J. F. John, and Mary Jane Harris; Cruser and Leah Gray; Maggie E. and Addison Kirton; Martin Kinney; J. W. Nibbs.

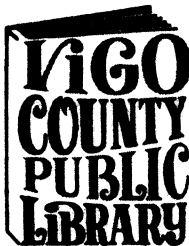
Children of

Blue Family (Contd)

4. William Blue. b. April 5, 1840. Married Ella. They had a son, William, b. April 21, 1888, d. March 19, 1912.
5. Phoebe Blue, b. Feb. 13, 1844, d. Feb. 17, 1905, married Charles Starnes. They had Otis Herbert Blue and George Blue.
6. Gilbert Blue, b. June 12, 1842. Married Alice Corell. They had four children: Harry, Corell, Stella, Grace.
7. Elizabeth Blue, b. Feb. 11, 1847, d. Oct. 28, 1930. Married William Dreisbach. They had Harry Blue and Luella Elizabeth Blue.

3. Children of Daniel and Harriet Blue.

1. David Franklin (Frank) Blue, b. June 2, 1862, d. 1848. Married Emma Colket, June 25, 1885. They had:
 1. Klev Blue, (son). B. 1887 (birthday on 17th). married Jessie Winslow, Aug. 1905, Paris. Ill. Second wife, Julia Luter Meridian, Miss, March 6, 1929. Klev had Hamlin, Klev Edward, and Lee Ernest.
 2. Mary Blue, b. Oct. 31, 1890. Married twice. Second wife's husband, Lee Haisten. They had Frank and Arthur Blue.
 3. Kaa Blue, b. June 10, 1894
 4. Daniel Blue, b. July, 1899
2. Lena Elizabeth Blue, b. September 14, 1866, d. married Augustus R. Markle, Mar. 31, 1894.



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June 16, 1982

The Vigo County Historical Society referred your letter to me.

I checked the Vigo county histories and the early Vigo county cemetery records without finding any mention of Barnabus or Frederick Blue. The W.P.A. Index to Marriage Records, Vigo County, 1840-1920 lists several Frederick Blues but the dates of marriage (1878 & 1899) seem too late for your Frederick.

The Blue family file contains a copy of a letter written in 1932, probably by local researcher A. R. Markle. The letter refers to the Revolutionary record of Uriah Blue, who was born in Hampshire county VA and died in Miami county OH. Uriah had a son named Barnabus. This sounds as if it could be your family, but nothing else in the file mentions them. A copy of the letter is enclosed.

The DAR Patriot Index does list the Uriah Blue who was born in 1752 and married Ruth, so somebody has joined the DAR on him. It might be helpful to get copies of those papers. You will have to get a member of the DAR to send for the copies as the DAR will only copy records for members or prospective members.

The DAR Patriot Index also lists a Uriah Blue who was born in 1746 and married Susannah Williams. Volume one of A Roster of Revolutionary Ancestors of the Indiana DAR gives the record of the second Uriah's father. John Blue Sr. was born 1713 in New Jersey and died 1791 in Hampshire county WV. It seems to me that two men named Uriah Blue who were born six years apart in the same county must be related somehow--perhaps cousins. I think these records would be worth checking into. Copies from the DAR books are enclosed.

If your Frederick Blue died in Vigo county, the probate records should be in the office of the Clerk of Vigo county, Courthouse, Terre Haute IN 47807. However, you might have to employ someone to search the records for you. A Mrs. Virginia Kennedy, 3028 N. 6th St., Terre Haute IN 47804, does such research.

Incidentally, there was a Blue family in Parke county. Are they connected to your family? They were said to be Penn-

sylvania Dutch, and the ones who came to Parke county were: John Blue and his sisters, Sarah, who married Jacob Bell in Butler county OH; Mary, who married Abel Ball; Elizabeth, who married A. M. Fergeson; and Nancy, who married James Crooks. The Indiana 1850 Census Index lists a Barnabas Blue in Parke county. He was 47 years old and born in Ohio; he had a daughter named Ruth.

Everything I found about the Blues is circumstantial, but it might all fit together if you can get more information.

The charge for copies is 10¢ per page, plus postage.



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26 May 1982
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Vigo County Historical Society
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Dear Sir (Madam)

Again thank you for the information on my great-great uncle Benjamin Boor, who though living in Clay County, served and died with a Terre Haute unit during the Civil War. And thanks for the info on said unit.

Now, much to my surprise, and bad for you, I have another relative/ancestor who ended up over in your area.

The Blues from New Jersey, to Virginia, to Miami County, Ohio.

Frederick Blue, son of Barnabus Blue, first came to Hamilton County, Indiana about 1827, and there for the 1830 Census.

He then moved to Vigo County, Indiana, and supposedly died there. A will was supposedly probated there.

Frederick Blue was listed 1840 Census, Vigo 799
and Barnabus Blue " " " " " 797.

Do you have any information on this, or how I would go about securing same.

I am one of those unlucky guys who must work all week, and only have Saturday to do library research. The State Library is now closed on Saturdays untill September.

I, of course, will again reimburse you for any fees, copy fees, postage, etc.

Respectfully -
Richard E. Russell

Catch file

Blue, Barnabas
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Frederick
0

Family file

Beckwith John 227 Parke

Bradley David 198, John 216

Clark 0

Esarey 0

Oakey 0

Cem Rec Mark 0

Eddy 0

Lansauer 0

Man Rec Johns 0
WPA

send vol 1, p 162 & 163

Death Rec no Frederick or Barnabas

Index to Parke & Persons & Firms - many Blues on Barnabas or Frederick

Parke 265 Barnabas Blue 47 Ohio

Polly 46-12-11

Patsy 8 9nd

William a 6 "

Ruth 5 "

Siobha 1 "

June 18, 1982
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Dear Nancy -

Thank you for your kind and interesting letter, and your most valuable information.

When I was bothering you about the "one line" of Boor and Blymer (Beckelblymers) — I sure didn't know I would be bothering you about the Blue also.

I will follow up the info and suggested references at the State Library.

I'll be passing through (or on the edge) of Tune Haute in a few hours, on my way to Missouri — where the Boor/Blymer and Rinehart/Blue (my part) went when they left Indiana.

I may get a chance on way back to stop at your fine library and Historical Society.

Again - Thanks.

Respectfully -
Richard E. Russell

P.S. I'll beat this letter.

Enclosed - Copy fee - Thanks - Thanks

November 19, 1932.

Mrs. Clement C. Callin,
47 Union Street,
Morrisville, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Callin:

I have your remittance to cover the Revolutionary record of Uriah Blue and thank you for it.

My records do not agree exactly with your dates but I give what I have on his dates and they agree so closely that the variation is of no importance.

Uriah Blue, born in Hampshire County, Virginia, (now West Virginia) August 8, 1752, served in the Virginia Militia under Captain William M. Morgan in a company of volunteers from Berkley County, Virginia. His wife was Ruth _____, who was born November 6, 1752 and died May 27, 1817.

To them were born, Michael, James, Uriah, Barnabas, Elizabeth, Sarah, Martha, Ruth, Hannah and John.

Uriah, Sr. lived in Bedford County, Pa. for several years before he removed to Miami County, Ohio in 1800, where he died March 2, 1829.

As my data was obtained along another line of descent, I do not have the data on Uriah and his three wives, but if you need it, I believe I can get it if you are willing to pay the postage for the correspondence and a further small fee if I am successful.

You understand that no one can guarantee to get anything at any definite cost but usually much can be had by the use of time and patience and the small expense of postage. Many times the correspondent fails to reply and you lose the first stamp and the one enclosed for a reply and even six cents is, as Andy says "swampin".

Do you know the date of the death of Charity Kiser, first wife of Uriah, Jr. or whether she or Jane was the mother of Elizabeth J., your grandmother?

If you care to send ten three cent stamps, I will try to get any further data you want on Uriah Jr. and if successful there will be a further fee of not to exceed Five Dollars and possibly less.

Yours truly,